

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Thursday, March 17, 2011

The committee of the whole of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at Huntington's Grill in Jackson and then reconvened at 7:19 p.m. in the Hattiesburg Room of the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, on March 17, 2011.

Members present: Mr. Bubba Hudspeth, Chairman; Mrs. Patricia Dickens, Vice Chairman; Mr. Duncan McKenzie; Mr. Max Huey; and Mr. Ed Perry.

SBCJC Staff in attendance: Dr. Eric Clark, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Dr. Debra West, Dr. Shawn Mackey, Dr. Joan Haynes, Mr. Chuck Rubisoff and Mrs. Cynthia Jiles.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bubba Hudspeth called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m. Mr. Hudspeth welcomed the board members and asked Dr. Clark to provide his report.

Dr. Clark reported that effective July 1, 2011 the State Board will officially be named Community College Board. Dr. Clark stated that staff members are working to create a more attractive website set to debut July 1st. In addition, Dr. Clark recommended that the Board approve developing a new logo to represent a more aggressive branding for the State Board.

The proprietary school fee bill has passed both Houses without any significant opposition from the Legislature. The State Board has received letters from the proprietary schools endorsing this fee bill that will allow the Board to set fees for reasonable regulation and oversight with no profit to the State Board.

The big issues to be resolved are the appropriations and bond bills. The appropriations support bill was vetoed by Governor Barbour, who stated that he did not object to level funding for community colleges if it is part of an overall balanced budget. Dr. Clark is optimistic about the support bill and also the appropriations administrative bill, which are currently in conference. In the bond bill, the House and Senate have both designated \$25 million dollars for construction, repair and renovation of buildings at the colleges. Also in the bond bill, the House approved funding for the new Headquarters Building, but the Senate did not.

In the February MACJC meeting, the Presidents voted to ask the Legislature to name the Headquarters Building the Carl J. (Jack) Gordon, Jr., Building. Dr. Clark asked that the Board vote on Friday to support giving the Headquarters Building that name in honor of Senator Gordon, and report that action to the Legislature.

Dr. Clark stated that he would request approval of the State Board's appointment of Dr. Jay Allen, Dean of Enrollment Services at Hinds Community College, to serve a four year term on the Mississippi Post-Secondary Education Financial Assistance Board. Dr. Allen has been suggested by Dr. Haynes.

Dr. Clark then reported on his trip to Washington, D.C. He met with the Cassidy Group and several members of the Mississippi delegation and Senator Cochran's staff to discuss funding the Headquarters Building and nursing programs. The delegation did not offer any encouragement for bricks and mortar funding, but said there might be some support for helping to find furnishings and computers. It was suggested to Dr. Clark that funding might be made available to support nursing programs from the Department of Defense in areas of military installation.

Dr. Clark also met in Washington with Jane Oats, Under Secretary of Labor, who is overseeing a four year, two billion dollar grant process to increase capacity for workforce training. Dr. LaNell Kellum is helping six consortia of Mississippi Community Colleges to prepare proposals for the grants.

He concluded his report.

Dr. Shawn Mackey reported that he would present two programs from Jones Jr. College and East MS CC for approval and provide an update regarding the award of the SNAP grant. He will also present the standard workforce report, the updated WET Funds report and the Grants report.

He concluded his report.

Dr. Joan Haynes reported that she will present a summary of the CPSCR with additional documentation about the actual detailed CPSCR summary sheet. Eloise Richardson and Dr. LaNell Kellum will provide information regarding the ABE to Credentials Planning Grant award and future grant opportunities.

She concluded her report.

Dr. Debra West reported that she will present the recommendations of the Virginia College nursing accreditation appeals committee.

She concluded her report.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert reported that February revenue did not meet projections and that she will present the following items at the Friday meeting:

Attachment 1 is the approval request for General Fund Disbursements out of Fund 2298 in the amount of \$10,908,925.00 for April 2011. This will require approval.

Attachment 2 is the approval request for the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements out of Fund 4080 in the amount of \$2,742,508.00 and Fund 4110 in the amount of \$82,112.00, totaling \$2,554,620.00, effective March 31, 2011. This will require approval.

Attachment 3 is the update on Education Enhancement Funds. This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

Attachments 4a and 4b are the Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and Special Funds as of February 28, 2011. Attachment 4a is general fund information and Attachment 4b is special fund information. This does not require approval.

Attachment 5 is the update of the House and Senate Versions of Appropriations Bills: S.B. 3041 –Administration, and S.B. 3042 (vetoed) for CJC support. This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

Attachment 6 is the approval request for purchasing approvals of a purchase agreement with Venture Technologies for the acquisition of equipment, software, and training up to the amount of \$570,312.78 from Federal Adult Education, Federal State Longitudinal Data Funding and Special technology funds.

Mrs. Gilbert concluded her report.

There being no other business, Chairman Hudspeth adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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Cynthia Jiles, Executive Assistant

Approved by:


Mr. Bubba Hudspeth, Chairman


Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director